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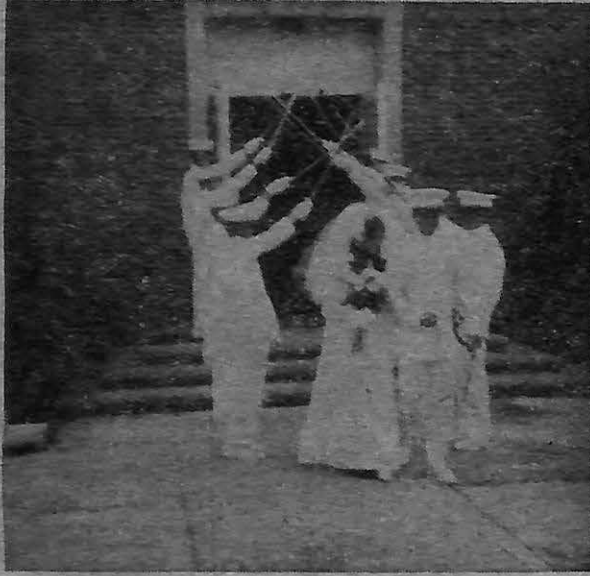
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AGAWAM, MASS. 01001: THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1969

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## Debbie Theroux Weds 1st Lt. Gumbar



Miss Deborah Theroux and 1st Lt. Robert Gumbar were married July 12 in the base chapel, Quantico, Va. A reception followed at the Officers Club on base.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence R. The-

roux of 10 Woodside Dr., Agawam, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thebar of 140 Rogers Ave., West Springfield.

Miss Theroux is a graduate of Agawam High School. The couple will reside at Quantico base.

## Barrington Fair Prepares For 129th Opening Sept. 29

Preparations of the fairgrounds is now under way for the opening of the 129th annual and consecutive Barrington Fair which will open Sept. 7th and run through the 13th.

Last year the Barrington Fair set records for both entries and exhibitors. At the 1968 event, there were a total of 7,719 exhibits and 2,094 exhibitors. Fair officials are optimistic that new records will be set in the agricultural and livestock divisions again this year.

This year the youth section will have 11 departments, 37 divisions and 351 classes. The adult section will have 20 departments, 48 divisions and 527 classes. Competitive departments include cattle, sheep, canned goods, flowers, vege-

tables, club exhibits, judging contests, food, home sewing, arts, and crafts, Christmas trees, seeds, baled hay, maple sugar, syrup and honey, farm produce, farm displays, fruits, Grange exhibits, hand knitting, crochet work and home furnishings.

First to file entry this year is Stanley Janas of Ludlow who last year took first prize in both major farm competitions winning both the small and large farm blue ribbon. Janas has again entered both farm produce and farm display competition as well as the vegetable display division consisting of six varieties of vegetables exhibited in a chopping bowl.

Premium books and entry blanks may be obtained through the office at the fairgrounds or by mail or phone.

## Love Of Horses Can Win 4-H Scholarships

**SPECIAL** — Six 4-H equestrians this year will be riding their horses right up to the threshold of higher education. They will be the 1969 winners of \$600 national scholarships awarded in the 4-H Horse program.

Fifty, one from each state, will enjoy the excitement of being delegates to the 48th National 4-H Congress in Chicago the week following Thanksgiving. They will be state champions whose award is a trip to the annual event. There also may be a delegate from Puerto Rico where 4-H Clubs are flourishing under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Service.

Horse ownership among 4-H'ers has kept pace with the soaring pleasure horse population throughout the United States. Well over 210,000 boys and girls enrolled in the 4-H Horse program work with one or more horses.

The program was made possible by the Extension Service and Merck & Co., Inc. First of-

fered in 1966, guidelines were established by the Extension Service and financial support came from Merck, which provides funds for national, state and county awards.

To earn an award, the 4-H'ers fulfill certain requirements. They must have "horse sense" and know about "horse science." In their work with horses they learn the importance of balanced rations, health and sanitation. They are taught to ride properly, train and show their horses.

Preparations are underway now to stage 4-H Horse shows. In the show ring the youngsters demonstrate horsemanship before the discerning eyes of the judges. They also learn to be pretty good judges of horseflesh themselves.

In addition to the top state and national awards, county medals of honor will be presented again this year. Based on 1968 nationwide figures, an estimated 8,000 horse club members may earn a medal.

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## Seniors To See Baseball Game

The Agawam Senior Center will sponsor a bus trip to Fenway Park on Thursday, Aug. 28, for men and women at a cost of \$6.50, which will cover bus fare and a ticket to the Boston-Kansas City ball game.

Reservations, which are limited to bus capacity, are being accepted by Henry McGowan at the Senior Center, tel. 732-8451. The success of the previous trip has prompted many to request a repeat outing of this kind.

## Adults Sign Up For Tennis Lessons

Agawam Parks and Play-ground adult tennis instruction program got off the mark Tuesday with 30 residents signing up. The series of tennis lessons will continue for four additional weeks, ending on Tuesday, Aug. 19. At the end of the instruction, a singles tournament will be sponsored by the Parks commissioners for those participating in the program, with trophies awarded to winners in each division.

Signing up for the program are: Mrs. Terry Angotti, Mrs. Beverley Lindsay, Mrs. Helen Bobeck, Mrs. Peg Altobelli, Mrs. Carol Lehberger, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smarse, Mrs. Linda Kirsche, Joanne Green, Mrs. Bette Lee Miller, Mrs. Terry Corliss, Bonnie Davis, Elaine Frighetto, Dick Motle, Mr. and Mrs. William LeClerc, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Oliwa, Mrs. Judy LeClerc, Mrs. Evelyn Andrews, Mrs. Carey Miller, Mrs. Gloria Thomas, Mrs. June Freeman, Mrs. Raymond Lucia, Patricia Mercadante, and Michael Davis.

Registration will remain open through next Tuesday's program; adults wishing to participate in the program may still sign up by reporting to the High School tennis courts at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

In the children's program this past week, the following youngsters won "best serves" contests: Shea's: Susan Carey and Linda Godet; Phelps: Martha Moriarty and Michael LeBlanc; High School: Carlo Bonavita and Janice Reutt.

## Lon Mirolli Joins WWLP Sales Staff

Orlando M. "Lon" Mirolli, of 209 Cooper St., Agawam, an eight-year veteran in television production, has joined the sales staff of WWLP—Channel 22, Springfield, Mass., as account executive and production consultant for local advertisers.

Lon is a native of West Springfield and a graduate of Springfield's Cathedral High School. He attended Northeast Broadcasting School in Boston, and in 1961 joined the production staff of WHDH-TV in Boston.

He returned to Springfield in 1963 as a director at WWLP. His assignments have included all types of studio programs, remotes, and commercial tapings. He was named Assistant Program Manager in 1967.

In his new position he will be available to work with all local WWLP clients in the creation of more effective television commercials.

He lives in Agawam with his wife, the former Bonnie Rae Fisk, and their two children.

## Kunasek Appointed Full Time Parks And Recreation Director

Lawrence O'Connell, Chairman of Agawam Parks and Playgrounds Commission announced today the appointment of John W. Kunasek of Sequoia Dr., Feeding Hills, to the appointment of full time Parks and Recreation director.

At the March town meeting, town meeting members voted that a full time director be appointed. This marks the first time that Agawam has had a full time director, year round.

Kunasek is a Korean War Veteran, serving in the Marines, he holds the Presidential Unit Citation, Purple Heart and Korean Defense medal with three stars. He attended Agawam schools, Suffield Academy and is presently attending Springfield College. While attending Agawam schools, he starred in football and baseball and at Suffield hockey was one of his many sports activities. He has played with many pro teams including the Agawam Brownies, Holyoke Knights and Springfield Acorns in football and with the Buick Aces and Chapman Valve in the Tri County League.

From 1960 to 1963 he was employed by the Westfield YMCA

in many youth and adult programs. He is one of the original directors of the Southwick Recreation Center setting up and directing activities. He was employed for four years by the Town of Southwick as director of the town beach, handling all adult and youth plans. He also served as director and coach of the Southwick American Legion baseball program, and as assistant hockey coach at Agawam High School.

Kunasek said today, "Having lived in Agawam most of my life, I feel that the problems of recreation are much the same problems of 20 years ago. A great deal of time and work is involved in making this type program a good one, one that Agawam can be proud of. I plan to put my 100% effort into this appointment and will develop and maintain well rounded programs from the senior citizens right down through to the younger people."

"Among the programs we are looking into is a good teen-age center which would curb a lot of spare time trouble. There is money available in State Aid for indoor ice rinks which would also

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## Curran Jones To Open A Home In Agawam

Curran-Jones Funeral Home of 109 Main St., West Springfield, will expand its operation into Agawam.

Richard J. Curran, son of the late P. Joseph Curran, who founded the company in 1930, said he plans to have the Agawam facility in operation by January.

## Campers Graduate At Camp Millbrook

Camping at the local "Y" day Camp Millbrook is fun and frolic under the summer sun but to 15 Junior High age youngsters it is also an education in water safety and lifesaving. Under the supervision of Mrs. Barbara Foley, aquatic counselor, these children were instructed and tested on the necessary ways of saving lives.

Among the various methods mastered were: resuscitation, swimming completely clothed, pulling drowning person out of the water, one-arm swimming and endurance swimming.

American Red Cross Junior Lifesaving certificates will be presented to the 15 graduates during the day camp council fire.

Receiving awards are Laurian Brazeau, Deborah Circosta, Jed and Jeff Clark, Bruce Colbleigh, Patricia and Scott Cook, Mark Festa, Mary Foley, Laura Kibbee, Philip Mackler, Kevin Lancaster, Donna St. Onge, Marcia Smith and Robert Watson.

The Lifesaving awards will culminate four weeks of intensive aquatic training and bring to a close the first period for the Junior High Campers, Leaders-In-Training and Wilderness. The second four week period started Monday, the 23th., and openings still exist. Contact the "Y" office for further information.

Curran said Renrich Realty Co. of West Springfield, has purchased a three acre parcel at the intersection of Cooper and Mill Streets and Route 57, on which the funeral home will be constructed.

The land was purchased for \$47,000 from the Double D. Realty Co., headed by Ralph D'Amato of Agawam. The new home will be directly opposite the Agawam High School.

Plans to construct the funeral home, of which Curran-Jones will be the major tenant, will also include a professional complex, leasing space to professional personnel, such as doctors and lawyers.

Heading the realty trust with Curran is his mother, Mrs. Irene E. Curran and his wife, Mrs. Joellen W. Curran.

## Cardone Appointed By Valley Bank

John J. Cardone has been appointed to the position of assistant vice-president at Valley Bank and Trust Company, according to William A. Lieson, bank president.

Cardone, a native of Springfield, joined Valley Bank in 1955 and presently serves as manager of the bank's main office. A graduate of Agawam High School, he is enrolled at American International College, where he is a member of the Alpha Sigma Lambda honor society. Cardone graduated from Williams College School of Banking and has taken courses sponsored by the American Institute of Banking.

A precinct secretary and member of the Agawam Town Meeting, Cardone lives with his wife and three children at 103 Raymond Circle, Agawam.



## CHURCH NEWS

### AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill Street, Agawam  
 Rev. Ronald G. Oakland, Minister  
 Mrs. Richard Fearn, Organist  
 Miss Donna Ashton, Organist  
 Mrs. Marshall Keyes, Sanctuary Choir Director  
 Mrs. Kenneth Alexander, Jr. Youth Choir Director  
 Sunday—9:30 a.m. Church at Worship. Nursery for infants. Summer Church School through 6th Grade—children are to go directly to classes. 6-8:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship.  
 Thursday—8 p.m. Workshop for the Country Fun Fair.

### FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.  
 Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney, Minister  
 Randall L. Nofall, Organist  
 Cynthia A. Meyer, Choir Director  
 Sunday—10 a.m. Worship service conducted by Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney.

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Samuel Fayad, C.S.S.,  
 Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S.  
 Saturday—4 to 5 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. confessions.  
 MASS SCHEDULE  
 Sundays—7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
 Week days—7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
 Holy days—7 and 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
 Tuesdays—7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions.

### SACRED HEART CHURCH

FEEDING HILLS  
 Rev. George Linse, C.S.S.  
 Rev. James Shea, C.S.S.  
 Saturday—4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Confessions.  
 Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30 a.m. Masses.  
 Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions.

### ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar  
 Sunday—8 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Festival Service; 7 p.m. Evening prayer.

### ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce  
 Rev. Albert Blanchard  
 Saturday—Confessions 4 to 5:45 and 7:30 to 9 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE  
 Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 a.m.  
 Tuesday—5:30 p.m., Mass followed by Miraculous Medal Novena.

### ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

Rev. Paul Bernard  
 MASS SCHEDULE  
 Daily Mass—7 a.m.  
 Saturday—8 a.m. Mass—4:30 and 7:30 Confessions.  
 Sunday—7, 9 and 11 a.m. Mass.

### BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upper Church and Second Sts.  
 West Springfield, Mass.  
 Larry Thornton, Pastor  
 Sunday—11 a.m. Morning worship service. Supervised nursery service available upstairs in the church during morning service; 7 p.m. Evening Service. Union Services 9:30 a.m.—Union Services will continue in the Baptist Church with Rev. Benjamin T. Lockhart guiding the worship. Everyone is invited. Services will be held on the five Sundays in August.

Cotton losses due to insects can run as high as one out of every eight bales.

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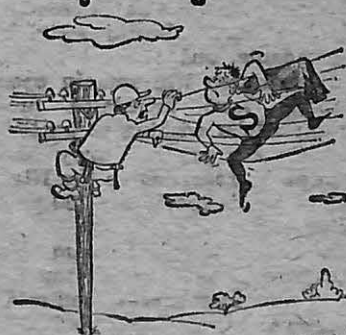
1 (8½-ounce) can crushed pineapple	1/8 teaspoon salt
2 small bananas	1 (1-pint 2-ounce) can pineapple juice

Start with chilled ingredients. Turn undrained crushed pineapple, peeled bananas, salt and half of pineapple juice into blender. Whirl at high speed until blended. Add remaining pineapple juice and whirl a second longer. Pour into serving glasses. Makes 5 or 6 servings.

### VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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 Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director  
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 Mrs. Richard Orr, Church Secretary  
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### My Neighbors



"Can't you watch where you're goin'—That 'S' stand for 'STUPID'?"



### COLLEGE NEWS

Robert E. Swanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Swanson of 254 North St., Agawam, majored at Amherst College in psychology. A 1965 graduate of Agawam High School, Swanson was named to the Dean's List in his senior year. He sang with the Glee Club for three years. As a junior, he was a volunteer at Leeds Hospital. Swanson plans to work for the Bank of New York. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in June commencement exercises at Amherst College.

### Today's Agri-Fact

Refrigeration is not the only way to prevent fruit from decaying. Scientists have developed techniques of using heat to prevent decay. These methods are being used with familiar fruits like peaches and exotic fruits like papayas. If just the right amount of heat is used, the fungi and bacteria which cause decay can be killed without affecting the appearance, flavor and ripening.

Carelessness by the homeowner and the growing number of portable valuables in the home are two reasons given by Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies for the rising number of home burglaries reported in this country.



by Mary Reynolds

### Vermont Heritage

Vermont is well known for its rich heritage in crafts and industries. Native products include furniture, pottery, cheese and the production of maple syrup. Each of these has a long history often dating back to Early American days when they were carried out in the home. Today, these "cottage industries" have grown to major proportions.

### Cooking With The Spirit Of Vermont

Syrup tapped from Vermont maple trees is now enjoyed throughout the nation. Although pure Vermont maple syrup is fairly expensive, relatively inexpensive Vermont maple and sugar cane syrup blends, produced by Vermont Maid, are available in supermarkets. These syrups retain the maple flavor reminiscent of spirited Colonial cookery.

### Syrup Has Many Uses

If you've been limiting your enjoyment of syrup to pancakes and waffles, you've been missing some treats. Vermont Maid syrups add a delightful new taste dimension to baked goods. Or, substitute syrup for sugar on hot cereal, mix it with whipped cream served on gingerbread. Use the rich syrup to glaze baked ham or sweet potatoes, and try it on baked apples. Simplest of all for a 60-second breakfast, pour the syrup over hot white or raisin toast. You'll find that syrup with the spirit of Vermont makes a pleasant addition to dozens of dishes.



### Petroleum Leads Port Shipments

Petroleum accounts for a larger share of waterborne freight than any other commodity at United States ports.

Oil shipments in 1966—the latest figures available—exceeded 488 million tons, close to 37% of all waterborne commerce.

Ports where petroleum represented a major part of shipments include (percentages in parentheses): Providence, R.I. (90); Port Arthur, Tex. (87); Boston, Mass. (86); Beaumont, Tex. (75); Los Angeles (71); New York (69); San Francisco (66); Philadelphia (55); Houston (47); and Savannah (47).

The "it could never happen to me" attitude often leads to a sad conclusion, says Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. If you are going off on a summer trip think "it could happen to me"—then make the proper precautions to see that a burglar doesn't gain entry while you are away.

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Pictured above, kneeling, Roy Sullivan, Entertainment Chairman for the Family Picnic, lines up the girls for the games.

It was a slightly damp day at the free Family Picnic but not so the spirits of the large crowd that put in an appearance. It was a filling day for the kids and their parents who filled up on hot dogs, hamburgs and refreshments.

Much credit goes to Roy Sullivan who kept the games going in spite of the drizzle. Dancing, fun and games went on under the pavilion also. The winners in the large assortment of games were:

50 yard dash—Boys, 6-8, Dan Kane; 9-11, Shaun Kane; 12-15, Mike Perry.

50 yard dash—Girls, 6-8, Janice Kane; 9-11, Janice Prey; 12-15, Carol Kane.

One-legged Hop Race — Boys, 6-8, Dan Kane; 9-11, Gerry Kane; 12-15, Carl Kane; Girls, 6-8, Donna Robinson; 9-11, Doreen Fydenkevez; 12-15, M. Perry.

Sack Race—Boys, 8-11, Dan Kane and Kris Waterman; 12-15, Dennis Perry and John Kane; Girls, 8-11, Janice Prez and Chris Jeime; 12-15, Lana Soleinen and Heidi Ramsey.

Pin the Tail on the Donkey—Tammy Sorrenson and Timmy Ryan.

3-Legged Race — Boys, 6-8, Shaun Kane and Dan Kane; 9-11, Dennis Perry and Mike Fydenkevez; 12-15, Fred Perry.

Around the Track — Donna Caroleo, Chris Jennie, Carol Kane and Deb Bissonnette.

Egg and Spoon Race — Dan Kane, Lynn Perry and Gerry Kane.

Find Your Shoes (boys and girls under 5) — John Ramsey, Karen Robinson and Kew Armstrong.

ADULT WINNERS were: Egg Throwing—Redda Lamica; Balloon Throwing—Roberts; 50 yard dash—Charlie Robinson and Mrs. Pat Gibbs; Sack Race—Mr. and Mrs. Higgins and Mr. and

Round The Town



By Ann Nael  
phone ST 8-8996


**LEAMY-SCHIPANO**  
A reception at White House Inn, Chicopee, followed the marriage Saturday of Miss Marilyn Claire Leamy and John Peter Schipano in St. John the Evangelist Church.  
Mr. and Mrs. James Davis of 301 School St. are the bride's parents, and her husband is the son of Mrs. Joseph Schipano of South Ozone Park, N.Y., and the late Mr. Schipano.  
Mrs. Schipano, a graduate of Burbank Hospital School of Practical Nursing, has been employed by Springfield Hospital Medical Center. Mr. Schipano is employed by Bank of New York.  
The couple will reside in South Ozone Park, N.Y.

Mr. A. Alves, 53 Fairview St., Agawam, representative for American Chicle Co., Division of Warner-Lambert Pharmaceutical Co. was presented a plaque in recognition of outstanding sales achievements during a recent promotional drive in support of several of the Company's well known products, Certs, Trident and Clorets.

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Door prize winners were: Alice Durocher, George Perry, Don Curran, Pat Gibbs, Peter Juliak, Annette Dumond, Janet Higgins, E. LaBelle and Clayton E. Gibbs.

The bigger winner was Clayton E. Gibbs, 5 Grandview St., Chicopee, who won a riding lawn mower, the big award of the day.

We wish to thank "Corn King" Christopher for being our guest but most of all for ALL the greens and corn he donated. Gov. Dumond wishes to thank all who worked, donated and helped in any way to make it the big success that it was.

**DISTRICT VISITATION**  
District #2 Meeting—Women are invited at the Revere Lodge at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 1st. Somerville Lodge annual outing at Lunenburg on the lake front of Leominster Lodge on Sunday, Aug. 3rd.

**CONNECTICUT ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION** is Sept. 18 thru 21 (the 55th annual). Host lodge will be the Westerly Lodge on Bradford Road, Westerly, R.I. 02891.

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Alphonse Attardi of 39 Tulsa St., Springfield, recently returned from an ocean cruise on the S. S. Rotterdam. Their stops included Freeport, Nassau and Bermuda.


Mr. Robert M. White of 271 Cooper St., Agawam, has returned home and is recuperating after undergoing surgery in Mercy Hospital.

## Hey, That's An Idea!

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## NATURE'S WAYS

By WAYNE HANLEY

Scientists this summer are keeping a vigil on Newfoundland's waters for a legendary sea monster that turned out to be a real live animal.

The search is for the kraken of Viking mythology, the gigantic "octopus" that Medieval artists depicted entangling sailing ships in its massive arms. Two major fears of pre-Columbian sailors involved the possibility of encountering an angry kraken and the probability of sailing off the edge of a flat earth. They were wrong about the shape of the earth and wrong about the aggressiveness of the kraken. But they were right about the existence of a sea animal that in general fulfilled the Viking description of the kraken.

The true-life kraken is the giant squid.

Perhaps you have seen ordinary squid, either in a fish market, or more likely in a fish bait market. They are gray, rubbery-looking creatures, six inches to a foot long. At least half their length consists of ten tentacles. To grasp the size of a giant squid, one must inflate an ordinary squid into a quite similar creature whose total length certainly reaches 55 feet and may reach 70 feet.

Readers of whaling tales are among the few persons who even heard of the giant squid—and the old New England whalers were among an elite group who acquired experience with giant squid. The whalers encountered squid secondhand, since the animal was a favorite food of the sperm whale. Sperm whales dived a half-mile deep in pursuit of giant squids that weighed up to a ton.

For undetermined reasons, more giant squid have been found in Newfoundland waters than any other place on earth. The arrival of numerous giant squid in Newfoundland waters seems to be cyclic, occurring at about 30-year intervals. This cyclic behavior, as well as almost everything else about the life history of the giant squid, has not been explained. In fact, giant squid are unknown, or at least unrecognized, in any form other than the adult. No one has seen a giant squid egg or larva, nor a giant squid in any juvenile form, and recognized it.

This summer the Department of Biology of the Memorial University of Newfoundland is offering a reward for giant squids—dead or alive. The University is carrying on the work begun by the Rev. Moses Harvey, a Presbyterian minister at St. John's, who reported the first Newfoundland giant squid in 1873. Prof. A. T. Verrill's famous study of the giant squid was based in large part upon the Rev. Harvey's work as an amateur naturalist, collecting squid and parts of the huge beast. It was through Harvey's work that scientists learned the oceans are inhabited by at least two species of giant squid and one of the species bears the scientific name, harveyi, in honor of the minister.

Despite its enormous size and rag-mop shape, the giant squid is a glorified snail. It is classified as a mollusk, the same group that includes clams and similar shellfish. The squid, however, has grown its body over the shell, instead of growing inside the shell. The squid shell has been modified into a bony spearhead known as a pen because of its shape.

## Psalm Of Praise Reaches Moon

New York

Man's first imprint on the moon includes these Biblical lines, "O Lord, our majesty above the heavens."

It's a song of praise and jubilation taken from Psalm 8, part of a packet of messages and documents left at the site where the United States Apollo 11 crew made its lunar visit.

The text, handwritten on a parchment sheet by Pope Paul VI and recorded on microfilm, was among items placed in a sealed capsule to mark the landing place.

The verses continue: "When we behold the heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars which You set in place; what is man that You should be mindful of him, or the son of man that You should care for him?"

"You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him rule over the works of Your hands, putting all things under his feet... Oh Lord...how glorious is your name..."

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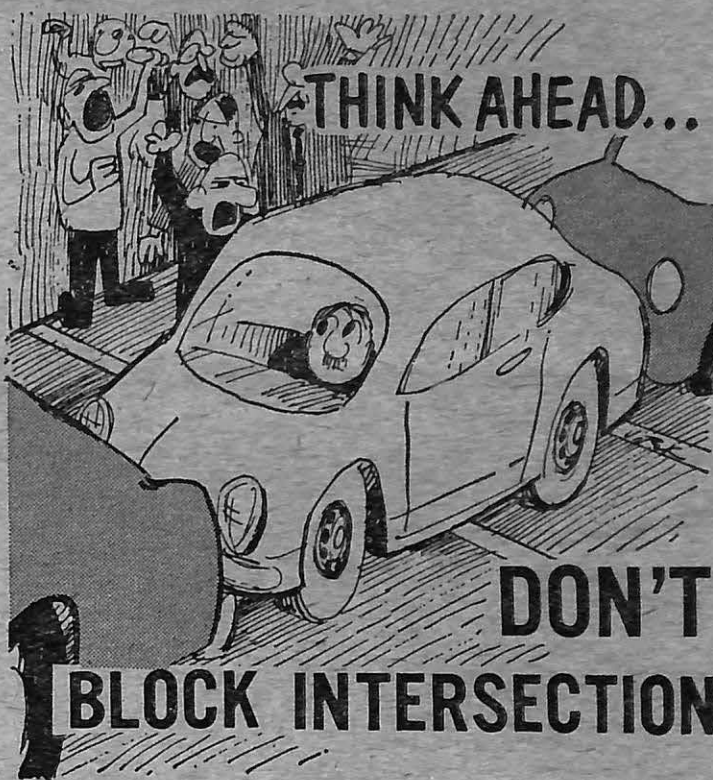
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## Tips from a Pro



## Armstrong Had Eye On Moon Years Ago

Portsmouth, Va.

When Astronaut Neil A. Armstrong became the first man to set foot on the moon, the wheels of memory began to turn in the mind of his 1954-55 roommate at Purdue University.

Charles C. McMulle, of Portsmouth, recalled that during a bull session that college year, "Neil was talking about interplanetary travel."

Somebody interrupted him with a wisecrack, Mr. McMullen recalled, and said, "Neil, you must want to be the first man on the moon."

There was a pause, and then the future astronaut replied: "No, I want to be the first man back."

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## For Your Heart's Sake

### Scientist Warns Against Sugar Intake

Americans who consume some 100 pounds of sugar per year each despite hazards of overweight, coronary arteriosclerosis and dental cavities are getting a new warning. A British scientist is now directly linking sugar with heart disease.

While the American Heart Association has discouraged "excessive use of sugar including candy, soft drinks and other sweets," the Briton, Professor John Yudkin, M.D., Ph. D., M.R.C.P., goes further,

"Coronary heart disease," he says, "seems to be more closely related with the level of sugar consumption than with the level of any other dietary component."

"The common belief that the level of animal fat in the diet shows the highest correlation with heart disease is simply not valid."

Researchers have commonly settled on a diet high in saturated fat and cholesterol as the principal cause of atherosclerotic coronary artery disease.

The Committee on Nutrition of the American Heart Association has warned against these dietary elements as well as excessive weight. Its published policy on dietetic dangers also recommends use of vegetables, cereals and fruits as preferable to excessive use of sugar.

Dr. Yudkin, professor of nutrition and dietetics, Queen Elizabeth College, University of London, zeroes in on sugar as the number one culprit. Experiments with young men on a sugar-rich diet and patients who had suffered attacks of coronary thrombosis led to his conclusions.

The experiments with the young men convinced him that sugar is the biggest dietary contributor to coronary heart disease, the doctor said.

The subjects on a sugar-rich diet showed a sharp rise of fatty acids in the blood



Yudkin

plus an abnormally high level of insulin. He said the latter is a probable early stage in the development of coronary heart disease.

Those patients who had recently suffered attacks of coronary thrombosis, he found in his studies, had been using an average of twice as much sugar as control subjects. This was also found to be true of men suffering from peripheral vascular disease.

Dr. Yudkin noted that coronary heart disease is most common in wealthy countries, in which the level of sugar consumption tends to rise.

Sucrose, or table sugar in laymen's language, has been linked by scientists for years with diabetes and dental caries.

Dr. Yudkin visited the United States to lecture on his findings. He addressed a diet-heart disease seminar in Chicago and visited research operations elsewhere.

Widening knowledge of the effect of sugar on weight as well as its other health hazards has stimulated fast growth of substitute products. Diet soft drinks and beverage sweeteners led the trend, but now sugar replacement products which fill all uses for sugar, in beverages, cooking and sprinkling on fruits, etc., are being nationally marketed.

## Nation's Road Expenditures Equal Rest of Free World

The United States spends almost as much money to build, maintain and operate its highway systems as the rest of the world combined.

Figures gathered by the International Road Federation show that in 1968 a total of \$34.2 billion was spent for roads in 146 countries and territories. The only areas not supplying information were the Soviet Union, Red China, Rumania and Hungary.

Of the total reported by the IRF for 1968, 48 per cent or \$16.3 billion were spent in the U.S. This country's 1969 highway outlays are expected to exceed \$17 billion.

Special levies on highway users—such as motor fuel taxes, registration and license fees—provide the bulk of U.S. road funds.



by Joan Crawford

## Open Housewarmings

All those spring brides are now happily-ever-aftering in their new apartments or houses, and it's time for them to face the idea that sooner or later they'll have to have a housewarming. Many young hostesses-to-be dread the spectre of dinner guests because they've barely mastered the art of a good cup of coffee let alone any servable entrees.

I think that the most practical way for young couples to fulfill their obligations in one fell swoop is with an open housewarming. Sitdown dinners for the fledgling cook should be reserved for indulgent parents, patient in-laws, and understanding best friends. But an open house is pleasant for everyone—especially the young bride. It can be held in a bare apartment—and no one minds. All you really need are a few big floor pillows, one large serving table—or a few borrowed bridge tables strung together—and a constantly replenished supply of snackables. For the budget-conscious young couple an open housewarming is about the least expensive party to give. During the afternoon, it need be only a tea-and-cookies party; for later in the day, a Pepsi-n-potato chips or beer-and-pretzels affair is perfect. When planning the refreshments always expect twice as many persons to show up since everyone brings friends and buy accordingly. Always have a good supply of Pepsi-Cola around, since it's such a popular thirst-quencher.

Invitations to an open housewarming should be made via phone or casual little funny notes and remember to specify the four or five-hour time span so you'll be assured a continuous flow of guests rather than a mass assault at one particular time. A nice bonus of this kind of party for starting out couples is that most people bring small, "fun" gifts as opposed to the sitdown dinner where people always feel obligated to give more substantial ones. Newly-weds appreciate extra coasters, rattan wine racks, gay potholders, amusing butter curlers, decorative kitchen towels more than those large "important" gifts that never seem to match the couples' intended decor or personalities. Because the open housewarming is easy on the hostess, the guests and everyone's pocketbook, it is the ideal party for the just-married set.



"The smoothest running families are those that believe in teen work."



# Now We Understand

THE BASIC TAX RATE FORMULA  
Appropriations Less Returns Equals  
Tax Rate Assessed Valuation

Whereas many detailed items do enter into the actual amounts entered as the three factors in the above formula, for those who request a simple basic explanation the entries listed should suffice.

I suggest that you cast aside any mathematical dignity you may have and resort to good old grammar school fractions and with a pencil and paper insert round number figures in place of three factors in the formula. As you do, you will quickly realize that as you affect changes in the numerator without changing the denominator the tax rate will be affected accordingly. Increase "appropriations" and decrease "state returns" and the "tax rate" will go up, likewise if you increase "assessed valuation" without changing figures in the numerator the "tax rate" will go down.

This is the reason we continually attempt to attract industry and to improve our capital value. We could also lower our "tax rate" by increasing the "assessed value" on existing real estate. Our real estate re-evaluation program which is now in progress, and probably will be completed this year, will do just this for us. Do not be deceived however into believing that your "tax bill" will be lower because the "tax rate" is lower. This will happen only to those real estate owners whose assessments are proportionally higher than their neighbors.

Again back to the formula, as expressed in last week's column, "Assessed Valuation" multiplied by the "Tax Rate" equals "Appropriations" less "Returns." And if "Appropriation" less "returns" is a higher figure than the previous year, it does not matter what you do to the other two factors, your tax bill must be higher.

This is exactly what happened in the Town of Agawam for the year 1969. In practically every other town the same general increase was experienced. The question then arises as to whether this increase was necessary and also whether the increase was out of proportion with neighboring municipalities. Did our increase follow a National average? Will the increase in your 1969 tax bill parallel your increase in income and your Federal income tax returns?

Because you are an Agawam taxpayer you can not isolate yourself from State and National trends. Your State Governor proposed a 12% increase in salaries of State employees and it was granted. Generally prices, salaries and various costs have increased a like amount.

All of our Town costs have risen. School teachers, policemen,

firefighters, secretaries and others have all had pay increases to keep them in line with rising prices. How can anyone expect that their tax bills will not increase? One rule of thumb used as a National average indicates that your real estate tax bill should be about 3% of your real estate value. If your tax bill is "in line" with this average then you are paying only your fair share.

Back to the tax rate formula again and changes in the numerator will disclose these effects. Your Agawam School budget increased \$400,000 in 1969. This is an increase of 15%. Do you oppose your School Committee for keeping "in line" with trends? Our State returns were some \$300,000 less in 1969 compared to 1968. Have you complained to the State or have you considered why this large reduction had to be?

We are using approximately a 41-million dollar real estate valuation in Agawam, this represents about 30% of our market price value. In as much as we have a tax rate on a per house and basis, if you write \$41,000,000 and point off three places you will find a \$1 per thousand change for each \$41,000 expended or saved.

Now back to the school budget increase and the \$1 change for each \$41,000 expended and you find the school budget alone has increased your tax rate by about \$10 per thousand. To this change consider \$300,000 less return from the State and you have affected a \$7 per thousand increase. These two items alone would increase the tax rate \$17 per M. The tax rate did go up \$13 per M. this increase actually equals the increase in the School budget or 15% in both cases.

Is it your choice to blame someone for this increase? If it is, then please be considerate and place the blame in the correct place. Actually no one person, nor any group of persons is responsible. This is a State and National trend and is bigger than anyone of us. If you question that anyone over expended ask for an analysis of the extensiveness of their budget. There is no town official who will deny you this request.

This is not my problem alone, this is everyone's problem and don't believe that you are not a part of it as well. This Town is merely a group of families bonded together by charter to educate it's youngsters, to provide for it's protection by firemen and policemen, to supply sewers, water, roads, and drainage for it's people, to supply libraries, and social services to the best of it's ability. It is expected that it's administrators, in their best wisdom, will provide these services employing frugality wherever possible and in no case allow selfish whims to divert their course.

Sincerely,  
George L. Reynolds, Selectman

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## Kunasek . . .

(Continued From Page 1)  
help a year round program.

"I am available to any town organization any time to discuss my programs and also to listen to your ideas and views. My office will be located in the Senior Citizens building in Agawam Center and I may be reached there."

Kunasek is married to the former Sandra Rivers of Agawam and they are parents of three children, Dale, Dawn and John Jr.

## Love of . . .

(Continued From Page 1)

Boys and girls between 9 and 19 years old interested in joining a 4-H Horse Club can get the details from the County Extension office at 1499 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, Tel. 736-7204.

Adults experienced in horsemanship are invited to participate as club leaders.

Oil films on the ocean (from heavy oil spills) cast a shadow and prevent sunlight from reaching microscopic plants which produce 3/4 of all our oxygen and are the basic food for all marine life. How far thin oil spreads out and how long it remains is unknown, the M.A.S. tells us.

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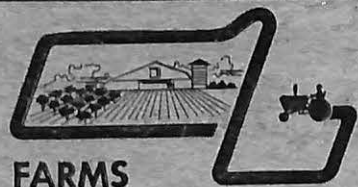
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AGAWAM

## THIS WEEK'S

BEST BUYS from

MASSACHUSETTS FARMS



Courtesy of Massachusetts Department of Agriculture

The appearance of outdoor cucumbers and tomatoes at reasonable prices signals the arrival of the salad season for Bay staters who dote on fresh, flavorful, native produce. Trellis grown tomatoes, both standard and cherry size, and cucumbers headline this list of native "best buys," according to the Mass. Dept. of Agriculture.

A huge variety of salad greens, economically priced, makes the salad picture perfect this week.



Another two weeks of Tiny Tot swim classes for pre-school youngsters, one year old and over will start on Monday, Aug. 4th. These classes are open to all boys and girls in town and must be accompanied by an adult in order to participate. Since registrations are limited please call the local "Y" and register in advance.

The following boys and girls have passed swimming instruction in the Minnow class: Bobby Barthume, Betty Lopardo, Richard Lancaster, Richard Malmstrom, Gloria Meade, Brenda Stover, Christopher Wimbish, Edward Foley, Steven Ouelette, Sally, Julie and Ellie Fusco, Sharon Hayoff, Joyce and Catherine Bercier, Gregg Tyler, Todd Rovelli, Valerie Balboni and Leigh Catchapaugh.

In the Fish class, which is low intermediates: Edward Calabrese, James Foley, Laurie Brock, Caroline Puskey, Linda Circosta, Rosalind Eldredge, Lynn Maynard, Deborah Meunier, Deborah Pennock, William Maynard, Jay Piazco, Scott Davidson, Cynthia Atwater, Pat Beaugard, Linda Catchapaugh, Catherine Andrews, Donna Garvelunski, Donna and David Quigley.

Flying Fish class: Virginia Cassidy, Suzanne Lover, Edward Garvelunski, Peter Beaugard and Debra Provost.

Shark class: Nancy Beaugard, Craig Rovelli and James Thompson.

More classes are starting in August.

Boston, iceberg, Romaine and Salad Bowl lettuce are all plentiful as are chicory, escarole, radishes, parsley, scallions, watercress, and dandelion greens.

Coleslaw and boiled dinners are a "must" with the abundance of cabbage — red, Savoy and Chinese — as well as bunched carrots.

Other money saving native vegetables include beets, beet greens, broccoli rabe, collard greens, Swiss Chard, kale, dandelion greens, leeks, zucchini and yellow squash.

Next week will see native sweet corn at its peak, along with green beans. Fava and wax beans are also in good supply, priced reasonably.

Native eggs continue to be an excellent buy, with extra large and medium sizes featured this week.

## Would You Repeat That?

Frankfort, Ky. — The administrative officer of the Court of Appeals, the state's highest court, has the duty of announcing at the opening of each court session: "God save the commonwealth and this honorable court."

Recently, he apparently repeated the phrase a bit differently. Chief Justice Morris Montgomery claimed he heard: "God save the people from this honorable court."

The home is becoming an increasingly attractive target for burglars, warns Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. While businesses have employed watchmen, watchdogs and highly intricate alarm devices, many homeowners don't even bother to lock their doors when they go out.

## LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
HAMPDEN ss PROBATE COURT  
To all persons interested in the estate of **RAYMOND H. NACEWICZ**, late of Agawam in said County, deceased.  
A petition has been presented to said Court, praying that **ANNA RITA T. NACEWICZ** of said Agawam be appointed administratrix of said estate without giving a surety on her bond.  
If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the nineteenth day of August, 1969, the return day of this citation.  
Witness, **ABRAHAM I. SMITH**, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eleventh day of July 1969.  
**JOHN J. LYONS**, Register.  
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## SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By BILL CHIBA

The earliest camping equipment show in the Northeast for the 1970 season will be held October 1-5 inclusive at the Bay State Raceway, Foxboro, Mass. It's sponsored by a new organization, the New England Recreational Vehicle Dealers Association.

It will be a camper's show exclusively, being devoted strictly to travel trailers, tent trailers, motor homes, pickup truck campers, tents, other camping gear and related equipment and accessories.

The show will be called the "NERVDA Camping and Trailer Show," and both Henry Sherman, President of Sherman Expositions Inc., and Dick Williams, publisher of the North American Family Campers Association magazine "Campfire and Chatter," have volunteered to assist planning and running the show.

### Governor's Citations

The Tourism Div. of the Mass. Dept. of Commerce and Development continues to receive affidavits for the Governor's Salt Water Fishing Contest. The Div. is especially pleased to see signs of interest in the smaller and less spectacular Mass. game fish—tautog, scup, mackerel, sea bass, fluke, and flounder. Too many fishermen fail to realize that there are Governor's citations and trophies awarded for these species as well as for the popular striped bass, bluefish and tuna.

Citations signed by the Governor will be given for 8 lb. tautog, 14" scup, 20" mackerel, 18" sea bass, 5 lb. fluke and 16" flounder. Governor's trophies will be given for the biggest fish of any of these species.

In all, there are seventeen species that qualify for the Gov.'s Salt Water Fishing Contest, and these include the glamour fish. But, when the big ones aren't striking, don't pack up your gear and go home. There is plenty of fun to be had with light tackle and some excellent suppers as well.

Mail all affidavits to the Div. of Tourism, Mass., Box 1775, Boston, Mass. 02105.

**Landowner—Forgotten Friend**  
The Landowner. Remember him?

He's the guy with many faces but a single, generous heart. You hunted his land last fall, or have you forgotten?

He's the guy who kept his land open so that you might enjoy the sport you love so well. If you stopped to make his acquaintance, he probably tipped you off as to the location of the best bird covers or deer runs.

He's the guy you thought was opposed to hunting because his land was posted, until you stopped by and asked for permission. Turned out he welcomed the genuine sportsman. The posters were for vandals disguised as hunters.

Were it not for your landown-

er friend, you might not have tagged that buck last fall, or reaped such a bountiful harvest in upland birds.

You thought he was a decent guy then. He still is.

Why not let him know it? Pay him a visit, if for no other reason than to say hello. He'll appreciate it, and you'll find satisfaction in the knowledge that your gesture of friendship is sincere and without selfish motivation.



### FISHING IS FOR THE BIRDS

Some of the best fishermen in the world wear wings.

They are large, tethered birds whose angling ancestry dates back 1300 years. Cormorants, tied to a long cord, are still used to fish rivers and lakes in some parts of the Orient. A metal ring fastened around the bird's neck keeps it from swallowing the catch. A cormorant may fetch its owner 100 to 150 fish per hour; a good catch ratio, anywhere.

Actually, birds of all kinds are important to fishermen, say the angling authorities at Mercury outboards. For birds are helpful in finding fish, and in some instances are beneficial in reducing undesirable species of fish.

Not everyone can have a trained cormorant to do his fishing, but the role birds play in aiding salt-water anglers is well known. A flock of diving, wheeling gulls is often better than some of the new electronic equipment when it comes to locating schools of fish offshore and inshore.

Studies have shown that few warm-water game fish are taken by birds. Herons and other wading birds do their fishing along the edges of lakes and streams. Here they catch sluggish, shallow-water fish such as carp and gar, missing the more alert game fish.

Not all bird-fish relationships are beneficial to man. In some coastal areas, merganser ducks are a menace to salmon populations and in some cases have needed control to halt their excessive predations.

Another place man and birds tangle over fish is around fish hatcheries. Hatchery holding tanks are favorite feeding grounds for birds such as the kingfisher and great blue heron.

Now that the Mercury lads have informed you about the birds and the fish, the next time someone says fishing is for the birds—smile and agree. After all, aren't there times when a cormorant would come in handy?

When the children spent Saturday night with Grandma, their Mom and Pop enjoyed a quiet Sunday breakfast. "Golly, I miss them," the mother remarked.

"Yeah, me too," Pop replied. "Knock my fruit juice over, will you, and rub jam in my hair!"

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## Parks and Playgrounds

Week of July 21-25

Phelps Field

At Phelps — Softball game vs. Meadowbrook on Monday, July 21st; Meadowbrook 25 runs, 20 hits and 4 errors — Phelps 4 runs, 8 hits and 5 errors.

Meadowbrook — Star at bat, Al Flynn and star in field, Ron Chechile; Phelps — star at bat, David LeGrand and star in field, Al Hart.

Meadowbrook defeated Phelps in the opening game of the inter-playground softball league by the score of 24 to 5.

JR. HIGH FIELD

At the Junior High on Monday, July 21st in the Crazy Hat Contest winners were: Best Workmanship — Celeste Petrone; Craziest — John Houle; Most Colorful — Karen Vangness; Prettiest — Patty Kovalski; Funniest — Mark Vangness.

SHEA'S FIELD

At Shea's Rick Brignadi pitched Shea's Field to a 7 to 0 victory over Danahy playground on Tuesday, July 22nd, score — Danahy 0 runs, 4 hits and 10 errors; Shea's 7 runs, 7 hits and 1 error.

MEADOWBROOK

Field Day was held last

Wednesday, the 24th, at Meadowbrook Playground and winners were:

Softball Throw: 8-9 yr. girls — Linda Decosmo; 10-11 yr. girls — 1st Marisa Vazquez, 2nd Tina Bouchard; 8-9 yr. boys — 1st Thomas Webster, 2nd Billy Nooney; 10-11 yr. boys — 1st Joey Decosmo, 2nd Jimmy Simonds; 12-13 yr. boys — 1st Brad Nooney, 2nd Ricky Simonds.

Soccer Kick: 8-9 yr. girls — 1st Linda Decosmo; 10-11 yr. girls — 1st Donna Chechile, 2nd Teresa Vasquez; 8-9 yr. boys — 1st Mark Godaire, 2nd Mike Barnes; 10-11 yr. boys — 1st Jimmy Simonds, 2nd Kenny Myrick; 12-13 yr. boys — 1st Brad Nooney, 2nd Ricky Simonds.

50-yard Dash: 8-9 yr. girls — Linda Decosmo; 10-11 yr. girls — 1st Donna Chechile, 2nd Marisa Vazquez; 8-9 yr. boys — 1st Tommy Descosmo, 2nd Billy Nooney; 10-11 yr. boys — 1st Joey Decosmo, 2nd Jimmy Simonds; 12-13 yr. boys — 1st Brad Nooney, 2nd Ricky Simonds.

Standing Broad Jump: 8-9 yr. girls — Linda Decosmo; 10-11 yr. girls — 1st Donna Chechile, 2nd Marisa Vazquez; 8-9 yr.

### OFF AND RUNNING by John I. Day

## On Time

It is not recorded whether the Delaware jurist, Cesar Rodney, set a time record when he leaped into the saddle and headed for Philadelphia to sign the Declaration of Independence, but he is quoted as having observed, "Time is of the essence," and indeed it is on the race track.

The timing of races once depended on swift reflexes and a reliable split-second stopwatch. Today electric eyes are mounted at each sixteenth of a mile around the track. Depending on the distance of the race to be timed, the operator activates certain of the eyes to time each quarter. A beam of light is projected at each eye which "blinks" as the lead horse

breaks the beam. The time for that quarter is immediately flashed on an infield board visible to the public.

For years a controversy raged over the record for a mile and a quarter, established in the 1913 Suburban Handicap at Belmont Park when Whisk Broom II was clocked in two minutes flat. First to "vindicate" Whisk Broom's timer was Cover Up, caught by the electric eye of the Teletimer at Hollywood Park on July 26, 1948, in two minutes flat. The world record for the distance today is held by Noor (1:58 1/5), and last year Damascus and Nodouble were each clocked at the distance in 1:59 1/5.



### AUCTION at 57 Reed St., Agawam Sat., Aug. 2 — 10:30 A.M. Sharp

Contents of the home of the late Benjamin Judah Phelps, who came here from West Suffield, Ct. in 1902. A Yale graduate and past superintendent of the Agawam School system, Mr. Phelps brought to Agawam, items from Suffield which go back to his boyhood and family days. Be sure to bring your own chairs. In case of hard rain, the sale will be held the following week at the same time.

JOHN SHIBLEY, AUCTIONEER

boys — 1st Billy Nooney, 2nd Tommy Decosmo; 10-11 yr. boys — 1st Joey Decosmo, 2nd Jimmy Simonds; 12-13 yr. boys — 1st Brad Nooney, 2nd Ricky Simonds.

Running Broad Jump: 8-9 yr. girls — Linda Decosmo; 10-11 yr. girls — 1st Donna Chechile, 2nd Tina Bouchard; 8-9 yr. boys 1st — Billy Nooney, 2nd Jose Vazquez; 10-11 yr. boys — 1st Joey Decosmo, 2nd Jimmy Simonds; 12-13 yr. boys — 1st Brad Nooney, 2nd Ricky Simonds.

GRANGER FIELD

The Softball game held at the Granger Playground on Wednesday, the 23rd. The Borgatti Field defeated Granger in a very close game to the tune of 5 to 4. The score was Borgatti 5 runs, 13 hits, 2 errors and Granger 4 runs, 11 hits and 3 errors.

PEIRCE

At the Peirce Playground a Blueberry Pie Eating Contest was held on Thursday, the 24th; Winners in the 3-5 yr. old, Diane Ryan; 7-8 yr. old, David Hamel; 9-10 yr. old, tie — Jackie Ryan and Mary Anne Timmeyer; 11-12 yr. old, Mark Gormley.

SHEA'S FIELD

A Crazy Shoe Contest was held at Shea's Field on Friday, the 25th, and winners were: Craziest Donna Lund; Best Workmanship Jane Brodeur; Most Colorful — Nancy Fontaine; Funniest — Richard Pisano.

PHELPS FIELD

Friday, the 25th, at the Phelps Field a Dreamside Contest was held and the winners were: 4-5 yr. old — Paul Tatro; 6-7 yr. old Laura Soden; 8-9 yr. old — Lori LeClere; 10-11 yr. old — Terry Boisvert; 12 and up, Colleen Meissner.

### 'Gas' Taxes At New High

The average gasoline tax has reached an alltime high of 11.1 cents per gallon—approximately 46 percent of the actual retail price without taxes.

State levies on gasoline now average 7.1 cents a gallon and add about \$5.7 billion annually to what motorists pay for gasoline. The federal tax on motor fuel is 4 cents a gallon, with proceeds running about \$3.2 billion per year.

Eleven states have increased their gasoline tax rates during 1969. They are:

California, Colorado, Connecticut, Indiana, Kansas, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

A woman with a newly developed interest in government wrote to the editor of a big newspaper: "I want to get into politics. Do the taxpayers have a party?"

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## VWWI CARD PARTY WINNERS

The fourth game in the present series of Whist parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held last Wednesday evening in the Agawam National Guard Armory. Door prize winners were Marie Boulrice, Francis Glazier, Rose Noonan and M. Mann.

Mystery prizes were awarded to Antoinette Trudell, Winifred Roberts and Lawrence Duclos. Ladies ace prize winner was Anne Hyde and Francis Gallagher for the men.

Receiving high score prizes were: Ladies — 1st Alma Racett, 2nd Dorilla Lucarino, 3rd Betty Allard, 4th Mande McMahon; Men — 1st Peter Lame-mark, 2nd Walter Haggerty, 3rd N. Jensen, 4th Les Newcomb.

The next card party will be held on the same day. . .place . . time. . .see you there!



Hi Gals! ... With thoughts of summer vacations and travel many readers are asking, "What shall I take that's fashionable and packs well?"

This question is of common concern at this time of year when packing for the sun routes and vacations necessitates wearing easy-care garments. The main thing to remember is to choose wrinkle-shedding fabrics that adapt to any climate and travel from season to season.

As a matter of fact, just about one of the most feminine and well-mannered fabrics of the season are those soft-clingy matte jersey types like Monsanto's Blue "C" nylon that's Wear-Dated, of course, and holds a one year guarantee for wearability.

These fabrics reveal "the body beautiful" in fluid, practically weightless dresses that take to resorts and later surface in town. P.M. pants outfits, gala pajamas and fun playwear of stretch Blue "C" nylon jersey are marvelous travel companions too. And they add a dramatic touch to vacation wardrobes ... colored temptingly in bright hues that reflect the spirited new mood of summer dressing.

Assuredly gals -- fashion-right matte jersey will stay as cool 'n comfortable as it looks wherever you travel--so travel into most any major department or chain store and ask for these fabrics in Wear-Dated garments today!

### Blueberry Salad

The availability of native blueberries should make this recipe for Dairy Blueberry Salad a people-pleasing, sweet and nutritious dish.

Mix 1 pint fresh blueberries, 3/4 lb. cottage cheese, dash of salt and cayenne. Make six mounds on watercress, then garnish with sliced peaches and mayonnaise. For 6 people.

Burglars usually "case" a home before attempting their theft, points out Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. When you go on vacation this summer, be sure not to leave any tell-tale signs that you are away.



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## Newest Idea For Thrilling Grilling



Cook-outs are easy and fun for everyone, especially Mom, who doesn't have a greasy oven to clean. Hamburgers seem to top the list of favorites when it comes to outdoor cookery and we'd like to suggest a new crust to crown this appealing patty ...

### PRETZEL CRUSTED BURGERS

- |                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| 2 pounds ground lean chuck | 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder                   |
| 2 eggs                     | 1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce                   |
| 1 small onion, chopped     | 2 cups finely crushed pretzels               |
| 1/2 teaspoon pepper        | (use food mill or blender to prepare crumbs) |
| 1 teaspoon salt            |  |

Combine chuck, eggs, onion, pepper salt, garlic powder, tomato sauce and 1 cup of the pretzel crumbs. Mix well and shape into patties about 1/4 inch thick. Roll patties in remaining crumbs. Grill 6 inches above gray coals until brown and crusted on both sides. Serve on toasted hamburger buns with desired condiments.

### Just a Beginning

"For man there is no rest and no ending. He must go on — conquest beyond conquest. This little planet and its winds and ways, and all the laws of mind and matter that restrain him. Then the planets about him, and at last out across immensity to the stars. And when he has conquered all the depths of space and all the mysteries of time — still he will be but beginning."

H. G. Wells, 1935

Coroner: "What were your husband's last words?"

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## 4-H's ALERT to



## ACCIDENT PREVENTION

The National 4-H Safety program is sponsored by General Motors.

"Safety starts with you!" That is the assumption of 4-H youths throughout the state. Regardless of where they live, who they are or what they do, they soon learn that safety pays big dividends.

These young citizens participate in the national 4-H Safety program sponsored for 25 years by General Motors. Scores of adults work with the 4-H's as volunteer leaders under the supervision of the Cooperative Extension Service. For boys and girls to become safety conscious early in life is the aim of the 4-H Safety program, says a 4-H spokesman.

The program is beamed to youngsters in the 9 to 19 age bracket. A checklist of hazards encountered in everyday activities becomes the focal point of many projects.

Right now during vacation time 4-H's, and their families as well, strive to stay safe while they enjoy swimming, boating, hiking, camping, hunting, fishing, bike or horse-back riding.

Teenage drivers are urged to take extra precautions around town and on the highways because of the many visitors who are unfamiliar with the area. Older teens serve as extra eyes and ears for the elderly and the very young at parks, beaches, street crossings and the like.

In recognition of noteworthy safety projects, General Motors annually provides county, state and national 4-H awards. In the order named they are: safety medals, expense-paid trips (one per state) to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago; eight \$1,000 scholarships.

## STORROWTON

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — The nationally famous Pixie Judy Troupe will perform the children's theatre production of "Mother Goose on the Loose" at Storrowton Theatre on Friday morning, Aug. 1 at 10:30.

The largest musical comedy theatre company for children in the nation, the Pixie Judy Troupe takes the age-old Mother Goose fables and puts them into a musical story which will amuse both parents and children.

Mother Goose, Little Jack Horner, Mary Contrary, Polly Baker, and the Town Crier will come alive in the Storrowton theatre-in-the-round.

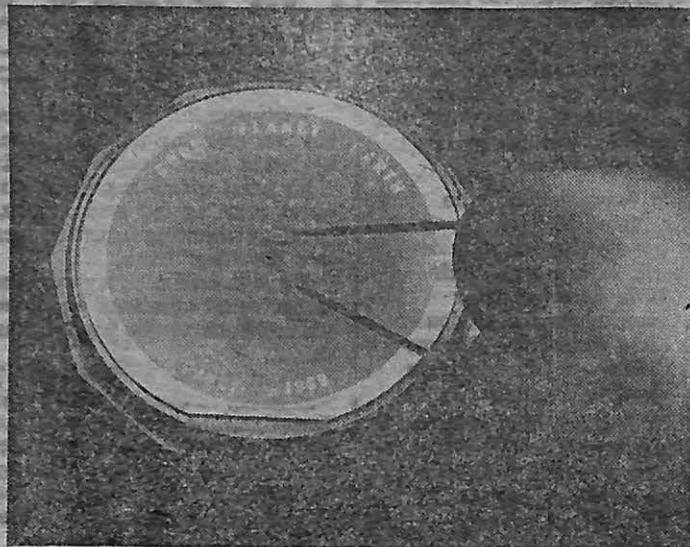
The ageless mother of all children, Mother Goose, is captured by the wicked Lord Mayor of

London, and is put in the town's stocks because her rhymes were declared against the British Empire by the Lord Mayor.

All of the children of London and her friends save her from the wicked mayor, and Prince George decides to publish the rhymes which made her famous, so that all of the children of the world could enjoy them.

Tickets for the children's theatre production are on sale at the Storrowton Theatre box office on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition, and special group rates are available, according to Peter H. Russell, general manager of the theatre.

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# V.F.W. Post 1632 and Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSONNETTE

On Sunday, July 20, the United States landed two men on the moon. We all watched fascinated as men of great courage took their first steps and bounded joyfully about in knowing that this was a great achievement. This historical event was the result of a great many people working together with one common goal unifying them. It came to me that the V.F.W. and Auxiliary was founded on this same principle so let ALL OF THIS KEEP up the good work.

Let's start by working at home, at our own Post and Auxiliary with co-operation, friendliness, loyalty and love. . . let us leave behind the rivalry, except in friendly competition; let's leave behind the jealousy that poisons some people's minds and actions.

Let's leave behind the sharp words, think before we speak, once spoken they cannot be taken back, let's leave behind the bad deeds because after they're done, can never be undone. . . let's leave behind the frowns because it's so much easier to smile and be friendly.

Let's leave behind the stories so they will gather NO moss. Let's leave behind the dishonesty because as the saying goes "Honesty is the best policy". . . Let's leave behind the insincerity because the insincere person will eventually be found out.

Let's leave behind the disharmony — ARE YOU working for all or for your own glory? Let us discover the right and the hard-working and work with them. Forget the one who insults, brags and disillusion you. . . ignore them and they shall know it. Let's work together as these others have done to achieve something that has never been done before. . . God Bless these great men of great courage and may we also succeed as they have done.

On July 21-24 The Ladies Auxiliary met at Toomey's Funeral Home to conduct their Memorial Service for Ida Rovelli Bondi, a charter member of Auxiliary No. 1632 since 1952. On Thursday they attended the funeral at St. Anthony's Church as Honorary Pallbearers. Taking part were Katherine Dickinson, Betty Curran, Betty Mason, Chaplin Frances Link and Anna D. Bissonnette.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Elizabeth Cohen, mother of Mrs. Albert (Eleanor) Appleman. Burial was on Sunday, July 27th at 1 p.m. Mourning week was observed at 64 Clairemont St.,

Longmeadow, Mass. We're very sorry, Ellie.

I read this somewhere and intended to copy it as my own philosophy. (By V. E. Bennett)

"May I ever be mindful that my talents are powers loaned me by GOD not just for myself, but to be used to enrich the lives of others thereby enriching my own. May I snatch every hour I can spare to do my bit for the aged,

who are lonely and the veterans in the hospitals who are too often forgotten.

"LORD, help me while the precious gifts of health and strength are mine to be a DYNAMIC DOER for the promotion of tolerance, friendship and goodwill toward all men, so that my motto may be — "Dedicata Sum" — I have given of myself" — and I add "How about you?"

## LITTLE BITS

Don Curran. . . lucky. This week's little bit of philosophy. . . There is no passion of the human heart which promises so much and pays so little as that of revenge. . .

Don't Forget the CHICKEN BARBECUE. . . Aug. 17 at the Post Pavilion — get your tickets early.

## OVERGROWN PLANTS

### in BILL'S BACK YARD

by Bill Meachem

With pruning shears and heavy-cutting loppers in hand, I started out one morning in early June, to bring some order to a slightly neglected shrub jungle in the back of the garden.

My good wife Mary and I have had somewhat of a running battle about pruning for many years. I am accused of "butchering" the plants, preventing future flowers and "hurting" them.

I was braced with my answers to her usual questions when she walked back to see what I was doing.

When called a "butcher," I was going to explain that I was just thinning the plants. Dead and diseased branches come out first. Then I shape the plant by removing branches that are too tall or growing too much to one side or the other.

About flowers next year, I was going to tell her that these were primarily spring-flowering shrubs, and AFTER flowering is the best time to prune. New flower buds would be formed later in the summer.

And, instead of "hurting" the plants, I would tell her that I was making them healthier, because it would allow the air to go through better and prevent diseases. Also, it would allow the insect control spray to get to all the leaves and stems.

These were my answers to the questions I expected. But, there were no questions this Saturday morning.

Mary watched me prune and also helped me gather the clippings for the trash man. I guess she even knew why (I wanted to make sure that if any of the clippings had disease or insects that they would be away from the garden).

## 'Moontown' Praise

Paris — The Mayor of Moontown has sent a telegram to the United States Ambassador in Paris Sargent Shriver, congratulating the Apollo 11 astronauts. Luneville (lune is French for moon) is a village in eastern France.

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